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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants request that citation and examination of the following documents be made during the course of examination of the above-referenced application for United States Letters Patent.

AA United States Patent No. 6,039,575

AL PCT Application WO 00/42589

AM PCT Application WO 99/24953

AN European Application 1 003 142

EXPLANATION OF RELEVANCE

Each of the above references was identified and discussed in the present specification, and these references were also cited by the German Patent and Trademark Office during examination of the German application corresponding to the present United States application.

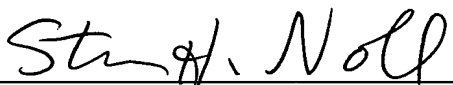
Copies of each of the above references together with Form 1449 are submitted herewith. An English translation of Reference AN is not readily available to the

Applicants, however, the aforementioned statements in the specification concerning that reference constitute a summary of its teachings.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted within three months of the filing date of the present application, and is thus in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)(1), and therefore no fee is necessary.

All claims of the application are submitted to be patentable over the teachings of the above references, taken singly or in combination. Early consideration of the application is therefore respectfully requested.

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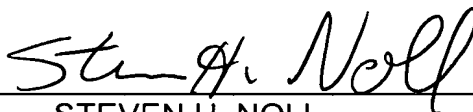
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